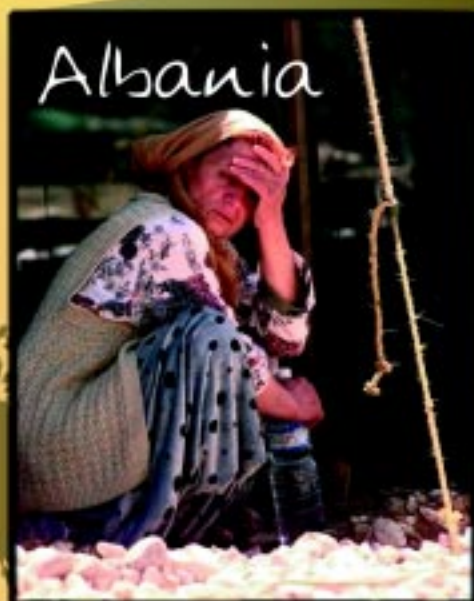


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# Foreign Area Officer Program expands training opportunities

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — The Air Force's Foreign Area Officer Proponent Office here is seeking qualified officers interested in learning a foreign language or conducting military research overseas.

The FAO office has expanded its Language Area Studies Immersion Program and created a new overseas research program, the Area Studies Advanced Program, for fiscal 2000.

The LASI program was first offered in 1997 and was designed to help the Air Force meet the CORONA '96 goal of having 10 percent of its officer corps proficient in a foreign language by 2005. The LASI program has helped about 155 officers receive intense foreign language training overseas and has become a

showcase program for the Air Force which has focused increasingly on expeditionary missions overseas.

For fiscal 2000, LASI is expanding, offering 31 language programs and covering 26 different languages. These immersions aim at officers with an existing foundation in the target language—usually defined as a current score of 1/1 to 2/2 on the Defense Language Proficiency Test. The LASI program is open to officers in all career fields.

While LASI looks to expand officers' foreign language proficiency, ASAP provides officers an opportunity to enhance their regional political and military expertise. With ASAP, selected officers develop overseas study and research proposals, which they submit to

the FAO office for funding. If the program meets ASAP objectives, the officer can receive up to \$18,000 in funding for up to three months of travel and research. At the end of the temporary duty assignment, the officer submits a completed research project to the FAO office. This program, unlike LASI, is designed specifically for qualified foreign area officers who want to remain current on their regions of expertise.

For more information about these two programs, interested officers can review the FAO Web site at [www.hq.af.mil/af/saf/ia/afaa/fao](http://www.hq.af.mil/af/saf/ia/afaa/fao), or call Maj. Kirk Karver, ASAP program manager, at DSN 425-8321, or Master Sgt. Vicki Briggs, LASI program manager, at DSN 425-8348.

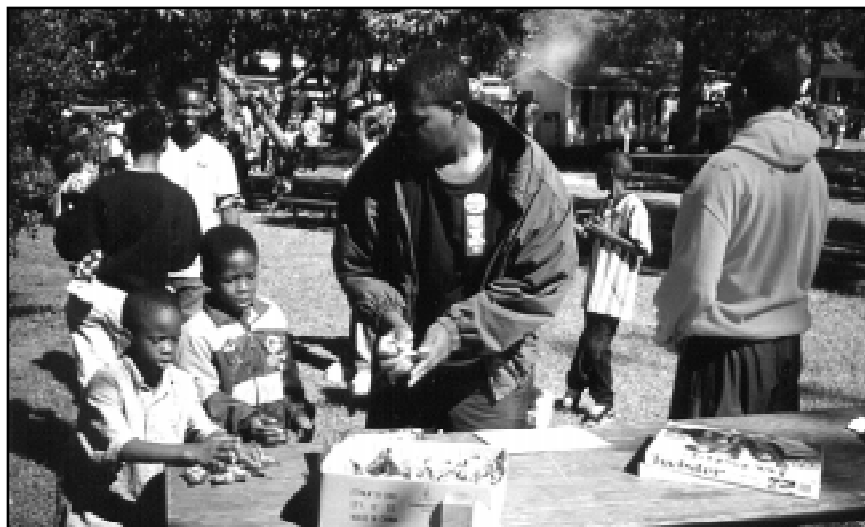
## KIDS-N-KOPS

### Cadets interact with inner-city kids

By Cadet Christopher Sanders  
Det. 015, Tuskegee University, Ala.

Cadets from Det. 015, along with law enforcement officials from Montgomery, Ala., surrounding counties and Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala., contributed to the success of the 1999 annual "Kids-N-Kops."

According to Beverly Ross, director of Public Relations and Talent Search for Trenholm State Technical College, "Kids-N-Kops" Day is a nonprofit event that invites kids from impoverished and inner-city environments to a local park in Montgomery. Here, they can have positive interaction with police authorities in an environment that is neither intimidating nor hostile. Activities include games, displays and demonstrations tailored for children of all ages to



*Cadet Azele Jones ensures all game contestants are equally rewarded by satisfying their sugar cravings. (Courtesy Photo)*

enjoy. The goal is to promote understanding and improve relationships between children and police officers, while educating and entertaining.

Once word got out about this event, cadets were first in line to help out. After all, what better way to have fun and still contribute to the welfare of others?

When asked about the results of "Kids-N-Kops" Day, Ross, this year's coordinating official, remarked, "The interaction between the young men and women of Det. 015 was invaluable in influencing these young minds. I applaud their efforts and would love to have them come again next year."



*The T-3A Firefly (Courtesy photo)*

## Air Force updates IFT program

### T-3A Firefly becomes obsolete

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)**—The Air Force is replacing its enhanced flight screening program with commercial training and eliminating use of the T-3A Firefly to screen and prepare pilot candidates for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training.

An expanded Introductory Flight Training Program, that provides pilot candidates Federal Aviation Administration-certified flight instruction through commercial pilot training schools, will replace the flight screening program before the end of the year, according to Maj. Gen. William Welser, director of operations, Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

This decision is expected to maintain acceptable attrition rates for SUPT, save \$16 million a year and capitalize the Air Force's current introductory flight training program in use as a stopgap training measure since October 1998.

The service's T-3 enhanced flight screening program was suspended in July 1997 following a number of uncommanded engine stoppages. With-

out the benefit of T-3 flight screening, attrition rates for SUPT climbed above 15 percent. The Air Force considers an 8 to 10 percent attrition rate acceptable.

To reduce the climbing attrition rate and increase pilot production, the service instituted an introductory flight training program in October 1998 that brought attrition down to 8.8 percent.

With the T-3 being almost two years from returning as a screener, the Air Force decided to terminate the program and expand IFT, which has a comparable attrition rate, according to General Welser.

"The real big factor is that it was going to take us about 18 to 24 months to bring the T-3 back online to be able to produce our first pilot candidate," he said. "With the added numbers of people that we're trying to put through pilot training, we just couldn't wait that long."

General Welser said the Air Force's goal with the expanded IFT was to maintain an acceptable attrition rate. "Over the period of time we've been doing IFT vs. the T-3, we're finding the attrition rates within 1 percent of each other," he

said. "7.8 percent for the T-3 and 8.8 percent for IFT."

Under the expanded IFT, pilot candidates will receive 50 hours of flying time and earn a private pilot's license. General Welser said this will give pilot candidates confidence, flight experience and a better opportunity to succeed when they enter pilot training.

"We feel anyone who receives a private pilot's license based on FAA requirements will come to us with the right amount of experience and the right amount of confidence to be able to successfully complete our undergraduate pilot training," he said.

More than 150 flight schools nationwide may be involved in the training program, mostly near colleges and universities with Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps detachments. Pilot candidates at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., will receive their training in the local area.

After completing the expanded IFT program, pilot candidates will enter Air Force SUPT.

General Welser said Air Force officials are studying disposition options for the fleet of 110 T-3A aircraft which originally cost the Air Force about \$32 million.

### Fast Facts

#### Air Education and Training Command

**Commander:** Gen. Lloyd "Fig" W. Newton

**Headquarters:** Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

**Mission:** Recruit, train and educate quality people for our aerospace force and the nation. Provides basic military training, initial and advanced technical training, flying training and professional military and degree-granting professional education. Conducts joint, medical service, readiness and Air Force security assistance training.

# ARCON

## 1999

### *A taste of the South*



By Cadet Jontae Lykes  
Det 019, Alabama State University

The Air University Squadron of Detachment 019, Alabama State University, hosted this year's Area Conclave Oct. 22-24 in the city of Montgomery, Ala.

"Since this was sure to be a year of excitement, productivity, and success, Air University Squadron agonized to acquire a name that would distinguish this year's Area Conclave from past conclaves," said Cadet Michael Boswell, ARCON commander.

Titles of past conclaves have been BeachCON, PeachCON and ChiCON just to name a few, however this year's ARCON was ?!!CON (translation: WhatCON) because there was no one word to describe such anticipated success, which the Area Conclave proved to be, organizers said.

Upon their Friday arrival, Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings members enjoyed the sights of the South during the battle of the squadrons and chapters on ice at the Eastdale Mall ice-skating rink in a game of broom hockey. Saturday, it was all about business as the chapters and squadrons from Auburn University, University of Southern Mississippi, Uni-

versity of Mississippi and Alabama State University participated in joint and separate business sessions to discuss innovative ways to improve communication and productivity throughout the various squadrons. Then it was smooth sailing as attendees experienced a relaxing boat ride on the Betsy Ann Riverboat to discuss final business.

The military ball held Saturday evening was at the Falcon's Nest on Gunter Annex where distinguished guests were welcomed. Lt. Col. Edward Brown, detachment commander; retired Brig. Gen. Rick Zehrer, Air Force Association president, Montgomery Chapter; his wife Nancy Zehrer, the AFA's ROTC liaison; and Mr. Roy Boudreaux, Long Range Planning committee chairman for AFA National, all turned out to show their support. Events such as a POW/MIA ceremony and the encouraging words from former Thunderbird pilots Lt. Col. Paul Strickland, Maj. Dan Torweihe and Maj. Robert Givens finished the evening.

Nancy Zehrer, vice president for Air Force ROTC Affairs for Montgomery AFA and Alabama AFA and special

advisor to the Aerospace Education Foundation president said, "Our AFA Montgomery Chapter is very proud to have been a strong supporter of ARCON '99, a class act from start to finish."

Zehrer also said that chapter members who attended ARCON events were greatly impressed with the amount of hard work and coordination that went into making the weekend such a success. Zehrer wrapped up by saying, "It is always a privilege for us to be involved with Arnold Air Society and Silver Wings, and we look forward to a long and mutually supportive relationship between our three organizations. Congratulations to all of you on a job very well done!"

The great event came to an end as attendees departed Montgomery.

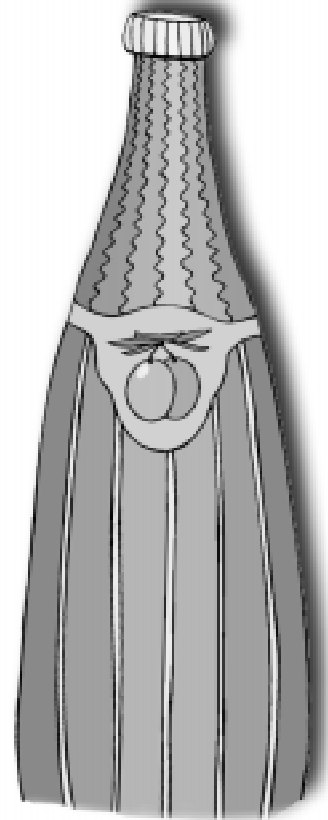
"Overall, ?!!CON was a complete success," said Cadet Matt Sicola, Arnold Air Society member and area vice commander. He couldn't suppress his satisfaction with all that was accomplished by ARCON attendees. Sicola expressed his anticipation for Arnold Air Society, Silver Wings and the Air Force Association forming stronger ties.

# Perrier visits OTS

## Bottled water company in search of bootcamp ideas

By Judith Crow

Air University Public Affairs



It was the civilian world meets Officer Training School when members of The Perrier Group of America recently attended the leadership reaction course at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

For two days in November, Paula Penson, Dathan Bieberle and Jerry Moore, all from divisions of Perrier's learning team, had the opportunity to observe teams undertaking the various exercises and speak with OTS faculty members.

The Perrier Group, in an effort to better train members of their leadership teams, have spent time benchmarking many of the country's top companies and jumped at a recent invitation to observe what they feel is "the cream of the crop when it comes to training leaders."

"One major difference between corporate America and our military can easily be seen in the training programs each has to offer," said Jerry Moore, an organizational development consultant with Perrier. "In corporate America, if you're not trained properly and make

mistakes, you lose dollars. That's obviously not the case here. In the military, you lose lives. Because of this, you see much more structure and attention to detail. Everyone here knows why they're here and what their role is."

Moore is currently putting together a "Leadership Bootcamp" in which all new managers will attend a two-week program to get a basic understanding of leadership principles and how to apply them at Perrier.

Penson, a captain in the Air Force Reserves and dean of Perrier University, recently attended Commissioned Officer Training at Maxwell and immediately saw the potential for the reaction course to be used as part of Perrier's bootcamp.

"Knowing what we were trying to accomplish at Perrier, I saw this as a tremendous opportunity—if we were able to duplicate it" said Penson.

With the help of OTS personnel Maj. Stephen Jones and Capt. Jason Riera, Penson was able to arrange the two-day

visit that allowed them the opportunity to speak with trainers, take photographs and, as an added bonus, attend a Judge Advocate General school graduation.

Bieberle, a training manager for Perrier's manufacturing group, recently developed a training center in Zephyrhills, Fla., and believes some of the exercises could be duplicated on the center's grounds.

"Having spent the last two days here, (at OTS), I feel we could actually duplicate some of the exercises," Bieberle said. "I have been looking for a way to do something like this in Florida, and this is exactly what I've been looking for."

Moore, who hopes to have the bootcamp completed this spring, wanted to thank all of those who helped make this happen. "I can't tell you how much we appreciate the hospitality and generosity of everyone involved, including the trainers and participants," he said. "This has been a tremendous experience for all of us."



## History of the U.S. AIR FORCE SEAL

Prior to enactment of the National Security Act of July 26, 1947, which authorized the U.S. Air Force Arthur E. DuBois of the Army Quartermaster General's office designed flags and seals for the three services. In September 1947 the proposed Air Force seal was exhibited in the office of the new Secretary of the Air Force, and later reviewed by a panel of about 30 top-ranking Air Force officers.

The design had a green background and featured the Wright Brothers' airplane as the central point. The panel recommended the background be changed to blue and a symbolic design replace the airplane. DuBois sketched Jupiter's thunderbolt, and it was adopted. The final drawing was approved by President Harry S. Truman Nov. 1, 1947.

The predominant colors, gold and ultramarine blue, are the Air Force's colors as carried down from the Army Air Corps. The thirteen stars signify the original states, and the bald eagle is the symbol of the United States and of air striking power.

The shield is divided by a nebula line formation, representing clouds, and the

heraldic thunderbolt portrays striking power in the medium of air.

The seal is protected by law from use by any party for purposes not specifically authorized by the Air Force. Unauthorized uses include on souvenir or novelty items; on toys, clothes, or printed items; on commercial or private printed matter; and on any article that may discredit the seal or reflect unfavorably on the Department of the Air Force.

—Information provided by  
Air University History Office

The National Security Act established the positions of Secretary of the Air Force (a civilian appointed by the president) to head the Department of the Air Force and Air Force Chief of Staff to head Headquarters U.S. Air Force. The act provided for an orderly two-year transfer of Army Air Force functions to the Air Force to include all property, personnel and records.

Gen. Carl A. Spaatz became the first Air Force Chief of Staff Sept. 26, 1947. When Spaatz assumed his new position, the first Secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington, was already on the job, having been sworn in Sept. 18, 1947. The new Air Force was fortunate to have these two men as its first leaders. They regarded air power as an instrument of national defense.

—Information gathered from *Air Force Pamphlet 36-2241, Volume 1*

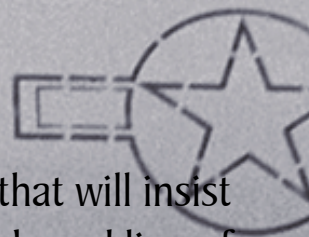


Gen. Carl Spaatz



W. Stuart Symington





"The nation that will insist on drawing a broad line of demarcation between the fighting man and the thinking man is liable to find its fighting done by fools and its thinking done by cowards."

—Sir William Butler

A black and white photograph showing a line of soldiers in camouflage uniforms and bucket hats climbing a set of stairs to board a large military aircraft. The soldiers are carrying gear and backpacks. The aircraft's fuselage is visible in the background.

*Troops climb aboard a C-5 aircraft in preparation for deployment to Mogadishu, Somalia. (Air Force photo by Senior Airman M. B. Wright)*



## Future *Air Force officers* prepare to defend nation

By Capt. Daniel B. Tidwell  
AFOATS Curriculum Division,  
Military Studies

**T**ake and heed the words of Sir William Butler. Although stated more than a hundred years ago, his point is still applicable today.

As future Air Force officers, you must be prepared to defend this great nation, and your preparation must encompass more than just the physical aspects of war. Your understanding of world events, disparate cultures, national interests and regional strategies is critical to the survival of the United States.

This responsibility is immense and will require your constant attention throughout your career as an Air Force officer.

The majority of this article consists of an excerpt from *A National Security Strategy for a New Century*, a document drafted by the White House with the purpose of articulating challenges facing the nation, providing insight into why the United States is involved around the globe.

As U.S. military officers, you must understand the importance of places like Bosnia, Kosovo, Chechnya, Taiwan and East Timor and their relationship to the United States. You can find answers to those and other questions in the *National Security Strategy*.

### The Imperative of Engagement

**O**ur strategic approach recognizes that we must lead abroad if we are to be secure at home, but we cannot lead abroad unless we are strong at home. We must be prepared and willing to use all appropriate instruments of national power to

influence the actions of other states and non-state actors.

Today's complex security environment demands that all our instruments of national power be effectively integrated to achieve our security objectives. We must have the demonstrated will and capabilities to continue to exert global leadership and remain the preferred security partner for the community of states that share our interests.

We have seen in the past that the international community is often reluctant to act forcefully without American leadership. In many instances, the United States is the only nation capable of providing the necessary leadership and capabilities for an international response to shared challenges.

American leadership and engagement in the world are vital for our security, and our nation and the world are safer and more prosperous as a result.

**T**he alternative to engagement is not withdrawal from the world; it is passive submission to powerful forces of change—all the more ironic at a time when our capacity to shape them is as great as it has ever been.

Three-quarters of a century ago, the United States helped to squander Allied victory in World War I by embracing isolationism. After World War II, and in the face of a new totalitarian threat, America accepted the challenge to lead.

We remained engaged overseas and worked with our allies to create international structures—from the Marshall Plan, the United Nations, NATO and other defense arrangements, to the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank—that enabled us to strengthen our security and prosperity and win the Cold War.

By exerting our leadership abroad we have deterred aggression, fostered the resolution of conflicts, strengthened

democracies, opened foreign markets and tackled global problems such as protecting the environment.

U.S. leadership has been crucial to the success of negotiations that produced a wide range of treaties that have made the world safer and more secure by limiting, reducing, preventing the spread of or eliminating weapons of mass destruction and other dangerous weapons. Without our leadership and engagement, threats would multiply and our opportunities would narrow.

Underpinning our international leadership is the power of our democratic ideals and values.

In designing our strategy, we recognize that the spread of democracy supports American values and enhances both our security and prosperity.

Democratic governments are more likely to cooperate with each other against common threats, encourage free trade, and promote sustainable economic development. They are less likely to wage war or abuse the rights of their people.

Hence, the trend toward democracy and free markets throughout the world advances American interests. The United States will support this trend by remaining actively engaged in the world. This is the strategy to take us into the next century.

**A**s a young man or woman pursuing a commission, you will someday be responsible for implementing this strategy.

I challenge you to understand your future role, and know that the call for men and women of the United States to serve this great nation as officers in the U.S. Air Force is still being sounded. The world and its actors are constantly changing, but the need for true military professionals dedicated to serving this country has not.

## What is Arnold Air Society?

By Cadet Lindsay Egger  
AAS National Director of  
Public Affairs

**A**rnold Air Society is a professional, honorary service or organization advocating the support of aerospace power. Its mission is to enhance Air Force ROTC and to project the image of the U.S. Air Force on the college campus and in the surrounding community. Members achieve this mission by accomplishing the following objectives:

- To create a more efficient relationship among Air Force officer candidates, in particular within ROTC.
- To aid in the development of effective Air Force officers.
- To further the purpose, traditions and concepts of the U.S. Air Force.

The society provides opportunities for cadets to participate in campus and community service activities, demonstrating the close relationship between civilian and military institutions. It also provides opportunities for cadets to exercise their leadership, management, organizational and public relations skills. The AAS motto was adopted in recognition of the ideals of its namesake Gen. Henry "Hap" Arnold, who said, "The warrior who cultivates his mind, polishes his arms."

### Organizational levels

There are three major organizational levels of AAS: national, area and squadron. The national organization includes National Headquarters, National Business Chairman, Parliamentarian, Chief

of Protocol, Board of Directors, National Conclave Headquarters, National Webmaster and all permanent special headquarters and standing committees established on a national level. The Executive Management Center advises the society and serves as a means of continuity. There are 11 areas in the nation, each led by an area headquarters to which the squadrons are responsible. There are 147 squadrons in America and Puerto Rico.

### Affiliates

In addition to the relationship between Arnold Air Society and Air Force ROTC, AAS is formally affiliated with two other organizations, the Air Force Association and Silver Wings. These organizations share the society's interest in aerospace power, the U.S. Air Force and service to communities across America. AAS members become cadet members of the AFA, and thus receive its *Air Force Magazine*. Silver Wings is a national, coed, professional organization dedicated to creating proactive, knowledgeable and effective civic leaders through community service and education about national defense. It is the civilian counterpart to AAS and an integral part of achieving the mission.

### How to become a member

To become a member of AAS, cadets must go through a candidate process. This period is a time for candi-

dates to learn about the society and for members to instill a sense of what it means to be a member of the society. Members proudly wear the AAS rank pin and ribbon on the ROTC uniform.

Each year, the members and candidates of AAS and SW meet during Easter weekend for the National Conclave. Here, the National Headquarters staff conducts business sessions, and the General Assembly votes on resolutions for the Joint National Project, the new national and NATCON headquarters location and any other legislation. The Joint National Project is a service project that all squadrons and Silver Wings chapters commit to support during the year. For 1999-2000, the project is "Helping Our Nation's Veterans."

### Location

This year, the AAS National Headquarters is located at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Det. 165. The staff's vision is to move AAS into the 21st century, as well as return to its fundamentals. The society has been very productive so far this year, and continues to do good work in the corps, campus and community.

The society recruits the best Air Force ROTC has to offer and provides cadets a chance to improve themselves. More information on AAS and its affiliated organizations is available at [www.arnold-air.org](http://www.arnold-air.org).



# Northwest Region



*(From left to right) Col. Bill Cole, Det. 90 commander, Cadet Nicholas Martin and Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, Air Education and Training Command commander. (Courtesy photo)*

## 1999 AFA "Cadet of the Year"

By Corinna Jones

Colorado State University

Cadet Martin of Det. 90, Colorado State University/University of Northern Colorado, was recently recognized as the Air Force Association Outstanding Cadet of the Year.

The award was presented by Jack Price, president of the Aerospace Education Foundation, at the AFA National Convention in Washington, D.C.

Martin qualified for this award by winning the local AFA Longs Peak Chapter award and receiving the regional nomination.

Eligibility criteria included ranking in the top 5 percent of his AS300 class, academics, physical fitness and military performance.

Martin was the recipient of 26 previous awards and scholarships during his college career including the Colorado State University Distinguished Scholar Award and the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Educational Foundation Scholarship, which he received twice.

He was also recognized as a Distinguished Graduate at Field Training and earned the Fleet Foot and Marksman-ship awards.

In addition to his wing position as Training Group Commander, Martin is

actively involved in Arnold Air Society, the Wing Walker Honor Guard, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and works for the university as a calculus tutor.

With a 3.8 grade point average, Martin is scheduled to graduate in May with two bachelor's degrees in mathematics and statistics, and three minors in Spanish, economics and aerospace studies.

What's most impressive is that Martin was able to complete his degree in only eight semesters, averaging nearly 20 credits per term.

"What's extraordinary about Cadet Martin is that he excels in all three aspects of his life; college student, Air Force ROTC cadet and American citizen," said Col. William Cole, Det. 90 commander. "Watch him for a week—he'll amaze you with how much he can accomplish."

Cadet Martin gives the detachment all the credit for his success.

"Before ROTC, I didn't even know which arm to salute with. Det. 90 taught me everything," Martin said. "I feel like I should be rewarding them."

According to Martin, the most important aspect of receiving the AFA Cadet of the Year Award is that it also gives Det. 90 the recognition they deserve.

"This is about what the award does for the detachment as a team, not what it does for me personally," Martin said. "I'm just a normal guy who got lucky."

Det. 685

Oregon State University

A tea was held for the female cadets and cadre at OSU. Young women who were interested in finding out more about Air Force life were invited. The cadre supplied the tea and snacks and answered questions about being officers in the Air Force.

Cadets and cadre set off on a 22-mile Military Science Scholarship run, from Western Oregon State University to Oregon State University, to raise scholarship funds. The event was estimated to have raised about \$12,000.

Det. 905

Washington State University

The detachment participated in Warrior Day, developed to teach cadets leadership, communication and trust. The activities were problem based and required every team to come together to accomplish each task.

Problems included getting across an "acid river" with only two boards, climbing a wall and jumping for a goal, getting through a web of string without touching the web, saving a friend trapped in a "minefield" with a rope and a trust fall.

The day's events lasted six hours and ended with a giant four-way tug of war between the teams. It was a great opportunity for cadets to work together in a relaxing, yet challenging environment.

Det. 470

University of Nebraska-Omaha

Community involvement and team spirit is Wolfpack headquarters' theme. Continuing a recent tradition, the cadets took second place in the Clock Tower Challenge, a semiannual event that places teams against each other in a race to stack cans of food. The timed event recognizes the teams with the most spirit, the highest stack and most original stack. In the end everybody won when all of the cans were donated to the Omaha Food Bank.

## Northeast Region

Det. 720

University of Pittsburgh, Penn.

Cadets recently visited the Pentagon and Andrews Air Force Base, Md. At the Pentagon, the cadets went on a tour, during which they passed by the Air Force Chief of Staff's office.

The cadets also received a 45-minute briefing from Fred Celec, assistant to the Secretary of Defense on Nuclear Matters.

While at Andrews AFB, the cadets climbed aboard a DC-9 designed to transport distinguished visitors, including the president and vice president. The crew chief had numerous anecdotes regarding transporting top government officials.

Of course, the trip wouldn't have been complete without free time to view the White House and the numerous memorials.

Coincidentally, there was a celebrity benefit fund-raiser on the White House lawn and several cadets saw Gloria Estefan, Garth Brooks and the president himself.

Det. 520

Cornell University, N.Y.

Cadets have created a service organization called SERVE to bring the service opportunities cadets are afforded by way of the Arnold Air Society to all university students. SERVE's main function is to coordinate a biweekly service project.

Recent activities include participation in an adopt-a-highway program, elementary school tutoring, visits to local homes for the elderly and coordination of care packages for cadets.

SERVE also provides manpower for other local service organizations and campus or local activities in need of large numbers of volunteers.

Most projects require a small time commitment, but afford participants a great opportunity to build camaraderie with both Air Force ROTC and civilian students while serving the community.



*Cadet Vida Klott from Det. 130 receives an award from Senator John William Warner, Republican from Virginia. (Courtesy photo)*

Det. 130

Howard University,  
Washington D.C.

Cadet Vida Klott, a Howard University physician assistant major, was awarded a scholarship by the National Defense Industrial Association. NDIA occupies a unique position among defense-related organizations located in the National Capital Area. With 900 corporate and 26,000 individual members, NDIA represents all facets of the defense industry, technology base and the military services. A scholarship luncheon was held by NDIA to honor recipients of their 1999 Scholarships. Senator John William Warner, Republican from Virginia, was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Senator Warner presented Klott with a scholarship certificate and monetary award. According to Klott, meeting the senator was an occasion she would never forget.

Det. 915

West Virginia University

The detachment participated in the Mountain State Forest Festival held annually in Elkins, W.Va. The festival was first initiated in 1930, and the detach-

ment has participated for more than 40 years. The event has grown into a spectacular eight-day collection of traditional events, a variety of contests, modern entertainment and family fun—while preserving the original values and traditions. Five U.S. presidents have attended the festival, and more than 100,000 people gather annually to participate.

Det. 485

Rutgers University, N.J.

Cadre and cadets gave a standing ovation to their guest speaker, Cadet Metodi Roulev, who reflected on his life experiences in Communist Bulgaria, during the Fall Awards Luncheon.

Born in Bulgaria while it was still under Communist rule, Roulev encouraged everyone in attendance to cherish the privileges that come with living in the United States.

Interestingly, Col. Randall Lanning, detachment commander, worked with the Ground Launch Cruise Missiles during the mid-1980s at the height of the Cold War when Bulgaria, as part of the Warsaw Pact, faced NATO forces in Europe.

An honors student at Rutgers, Roulev became eligible for U.S. citizenship last month.



# Southwest Region

## Det. 030

### University of Arkansas

With some work by dedicated cadets and a visit from Brig. Gen. Edward Brya, the Winston P. Wilson Squadron of Arnold Air Society is returning. The squadron became inactive two years ago because of lack of interest and what most members saw as "misguided goals." To many cadets, the society provided little more than decorations on their uniforms. Now, new people with fresh motivation are working to bring back the original spirit of the honor society.

The goals seem clear at this point. Arnold Air Society could give Det. 30 positive exposure in the community and at the university. As executive director of the AAS, Brya's visit sparked interest in the cadets here. He spoke of clear goals and the benefits of having an AAS squadron. With hard work and dedication, the Winston P. Wilson Squadron will be off to another great start.

## Det. 055

### University of California, Los Angeles

Cadets participated in Veterans Pre-Game activities at UCLA Nov. 13. As Bruin fans gathered at tailgate parties and pregame festivities before watching the UCLA football team compete against the University of Washington, Det 055 cadre and cadets manned a recruiting display prior to the game. UCLA honored all military and veterans by providing them with free tickets to the football game. After talking with the fans, the cadre and cadets watched the UCLA Bruins defeat the nationally ranked University of Washington in overtime.

## Det. 311

### Grambling State University, La.

The detachment continued to build tradition with Det 305, Louisiana Technical University, by participating in a joint retreat ceremony. The detachments

hope to build esprit de corps and to provide the cadets experience working with other detachments.

"The joint retreat ceremony with Louisiana Tech gave us a great opportunity to demonstrate to the GSU campus how we show our respect to the nation, while at the same time allowed us to actively interact with another ROTC detachment," said Lt. Col. Malcolm Grimes, detachment commander. "The planning it took, the enthusiasm it generated and the opportunity for the cadets to get involved is something exciting and patriotic—and all worth the effort."

## Det. 825

### University of Texas, Austin

More than 40 cadets from the detachment gathered to support the university's kickoff celebration of the State Employee Charitable Campaign. The cadets, along with university officials and students, assembled into the shape of a heart. Titled "Hearts of Texas," the SECC campaign, similar to the Nationwide Combined Federal Campaign, is an opportunity for University of Texas employees to help improve the quality of life for tens of thousands of people who need help.

Last year, state agency and higher education employees raised more than \$4,727,000 for state and local charities.

## Det. 175

### University of Hawaii

Ready to celebrate the end of the fall semester, cadets held the first Hangar Luau in an empty hangar on Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii. The luau was part traditional hangar party, part combat dining out and consisted of more than 120 cadets, family members and friends. Camouflage netting, a HUMVEE, an obstacle course and a unique uniform combination consisting of one BDU part and one piece of aloha attire ensured everyone caught the warrior/aloha spirit.

The drill team gave a sharp performance, and the Arnold Air Society led

a poignant POW/MIA ceremony.

## Det. 20

### University of Arizona

Fifty-eight cadets donned their BDUs and face paint to participate in an Air Base Ground Defense Course at Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. The course is designed to teach cadets basic techniques and strategies for securing the base in case of attack. The cadets were separated into four squads with a common goal—to locate and destroy an M-60 nest occupied by members of the 355th Wing Security Forces Squadron. While one squad secured the area, the remaining three squads received instructions on various Air Force weapons. Each cadet also took his or her turn behind the wheel of a HUMVEE.

## Det. 028

### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Ariz.

The Steven M. Scherp Squadron of the Arnold Air Society participated in many community service projects to include helping out with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters chapter, visiting veterans at the local Veterans Affairs Hospital, directing a POW/MIA vigil with an F-16 fly-by, collecting food for the hungry and helping out local elementary schools.

## Det. 670

### Oklahoma State University

The detachment dedicated two dogwood trees and memorial markers at Theta Pond on campus. The trees were dedicated to the memory of two Det. 670 alumni, Maj. Guy Booth and Capt. Ed Parent Jr., who both died while on active duty.

Staff members, former alumni and cadets from OSU's Air Force ROTC unit participated in the dedication ceremony. Classmates of Booth and Parent spoke about their memories of the deceased officers.

## Southeast Region

### Det. 290

#### University of Kentucky

Eleven cadets from the University of Kentucky Arnold Air Society spent a day cleaning at the Bluegrass Aviation Museum in Lexington, Ky. Cadets dusted aircraft and repaired museum display items. One cadet even found a bird's nest in an exhaust pipe that museum volunteers said had probably been there for years.

### Det. 595

#### North Carolina State University

The Cadets of North Carolina State University joined Habitat for Humanity in putting the finishing touches on the exterior of a house in North Raleigh, N.C. Habitat for Humanity builds new houses for needy families with construction labor donated by volunteers and provides families with low-rate mortgages. Cadets helped weatherproof the house and install vinyl siding, personally following the Air Force core value of service before self.

"It was very rewarding to see how much we accomplished, and it was fun to work alongside the future residents of the home and see their excitement," Cadet Jeremy Lentini said.

### Det. 150

#### University of Florida

Det 150 at the University of Florida hosted an Air Force Career Day at the university's Reitz Union. The day was primarily for Air Force ROTC cadets, but was also open to the public. Nearly 30 active-duty officers from a variety of specialties attended and gave cadets an opportunity to talk with officers and learn about many Air Force jobs. It also was a great opportunity for the detachment to get some publicity and recruit on campus. Cadet Dan Smith, Cadet Recruiting Officer, and his recruiting team put a great deal of effort in the event, which was a great Air Force day at the University of Florida.



*Cadets from Det. 880 pose for a photo at the Marine Iron Man competition. (Standing from left to right) Cadets Bryant Harrison, William Lambert, James Dillon, Jason Goldstein, Christian Collamore. (Kneeling from left to right) Cadets Michael Washington, Reocel Mercado and Joshua Petry. (Courtesy photo)*

### Det. 880

#### Virginia Military Institute

The Marine Iron Man competition is an event that pushes cadets to the edge. It is a grueling contest, about 4.5 miles long, where cadets find themselves confronting obstacles that are both mentally and physically challenging.

The Air Force fielded an eight-person team that performed extremely well against 10 other teams. Obstacles encountered consisted of a log-carry, the Marine obstacle course, a rucksack carry, a river crossing and a low-crawl through the mud.

These events, combined with the 4.5 miles of running, created an awesome task for all teams.

The Air Force Team came in fourth place.

### Det. 775

#### University of South Carolina

The Flying Gamecocks of Det. 775 demonstrated their loyalty and respect for the nation's veterans recently. Cadets participated in a city-wide community service project to help local, homeless veterans Nov. 5-6.

They served food, collected clothing and provided additional services re-

quested by veterans. Additionally, 15 cadets, along with the Cadet Honor Guard, paid tribute to all veterans during a halftime show Nov. 13.

Gen. Lloyd "Fig" Newton, Air Education and Training Command commander, was one of USC's honorable guests for the celebration.

### Det. 005

#### Auburn University, Ala.

The 5th Cadet Wing at Auburn University hopes to broaden its scope of community service to include the high school youth of the area by sponsoring an Aviation Explorer post.

Exploring is a coed division of The Boy Scouts of America that strives to develop leadership, promote teamwork and provide an active and career- or hobby-oriented environment.

It targets young people between the ages of 14 and 21. Exploring organizes members into posts with 5 to 25 members, and a local business or organization from the community sponsors each post.

The Aviation Explorer post will involve local youth in many aspects of aviation and the aerospace industry. Explorers will also have the opportunity to see the working side of the Air Force.



# Cadet Collage



*Detachments are as follows: 1) Det. 005, 2) Det. 150, 3) Det. 536, 4) Det. 910, 5) Det. 390 and 6) Det. 311.*